



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG and GAMBLING COUNSELORS

### Nevada

### Nevada Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors



#### INFORMATION ON NATIVE AMERICAN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

**Licensure or Certification is Mandatory in the State of Nevada; Exceptions: If you are a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Licensed Psychologist; Physician or Nurse who is licensed pursuant to that Nevada Boards regulations and approval**

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**NRS 641C.250** License or certificate is revocable privilege; holder acquires no vested right. A license or certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is a privilege that may be revoked in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in this chapter and in regulations adopted by the board pursuant thereto, and no holder of such a license or certificate acquires thereby any vested right.

#### **General requirements for certification/registration:**

- No abuse of alcohol or controlled substances or problems with gambling for a period of 2 years before submitting application
- If you are on parole or probation the Board will not consider your application for a period of two-years after the completion
- All individuals certified must observe "Ethical Standards and Requirements"
- College graduation from an accredited college or university listed in Accredited Institutions of Post secondary Education
- Complete applications must reach the Board within 30 days of date of hire in the substance abuse or problem gambling field
- Finger print cards and a money order payable to the Board of Examiners for \$45.00 this is due when the request for application is submitted and is part of the request for application fees.
- Is not less than 21 years of age
- Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States –proof of citizenship or proof that an applicant is able to work in the United States
- Application must include social security number, resume, copy of birth certificate, drivers license or passport and copy of the completion of a high school education
- Must provide the Board with statement regarding child support

**Please note:** You will be required to provide the Board with any and all information concerning any arrests, convictions, indictments, suspensions or revocations. If you have any convictions, arrests or etc. you **cannot** do substance abuse or problem gambling counseling until approved by the Board. **An individual on parole or probation will not be considered for certification or licensure until such time as they have finished and have been off parole or probation for a minimum of two-years.**

#### **Native American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (NACADC):**

Conditional waiver of educational requirement of NRS 641C.390 (1)(c) for applicants for certificates to practice on Indian Reservations; limitations on clients and location of practice.



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1. For purposes of this chapter and NRS 641C.390 (1)(c) the board will waive the requirement for a bachelor's degree if the applicant:

a) is of Native American descent or has contracted with or receives a grant from the Federal Government to provide services as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to persons who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601

1. An application on a form provided by the board, including:

- a. Proof the applicant is not less than 21 years of age;
- b. Proof the applicant is of Native American descent

c. Proof of the completion of 270 hours of education. Education is defined as formal, structured instruction in the form of workshops, seminars, and institutes, college/university credit courses and distance learning. Education must be specifically related to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform the tasks within the following performance domains:

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| 1. Assessments     | 2. Counseling                                  |
| 3. Case management | 4. Education and professional responsibilities |
| 5. Ethics          |  |

*Training in the Twelve core Functions: A minimum of 10 hours each is required in each of the twelve core functions:*

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| 1. Screening          | 7. Case management                        |
| 2. Intake             | 8. Crisis intervention                    |
| 3. Orientation        | 9. Client education                       |
| 4. Assessment         | 10. Referral                              |
| 5. Treatment planning | 11. Reports and record keeping            |
| 6. Counseling         | 12. Consultation with other professionals |

d) Proof the applicant has completed 4,000 hours of supervised counseling of alcohol and drug abusers. An associate's degree in an approved social science field maybe substituted for 1,000 hours of practical experience.

- Submittal of fees of \$440.00
- Written exam covers:
  - Pharmacology of Psychoactive Substances
  - Counseling Practice
  - Theoretical Base of Counseling
  - Professional Issues: Ethics, Confidentiality and Federal Dept. of Transportation Regulations
- An individual must pass the examinations required by the board with an average score of at least 70% to proceed to the oral boards
- Oral exam – an individual must receive a 70% or better to pass

### **Scope of Practice for Native American Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors:**

- (a) Engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers;
- (b) Diagnose or classify a person as an alcoholic or abuser of drugs

C An alcohol and drug abuse counselor or intern certified pursuant to this section for whom the educational requirement set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 641C.390 is waived may provide services as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor only to those persons who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq. The waiver provided by this section applies only to counselors, interns and clients on Indian Reservations and in the courts of this state when such courts exercise jurisdiction over a person who is authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq



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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

*Please print or type the following information:*

NAME
HOME ADDRESS
TELEPHONE HOME
BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS
BUSINESS TELEPHONE
SUPERVISORS NAME
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

**Please send me an application packet for certification/licensure as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor:**

\_\_\_\_\_\*Certification as a Native American Counselor- Requires you have completed the educational requirements as defined in NAC641C and **have already completed 4,000 hours of practical experience in alcohol & drug abuse counseling.**

**A nonrefundable money order for \$165.00 made out to the Board of Examiners must accompany this Request for Application for an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor. ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE.**

TYPES OF FEES	INTERN CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FINGERPRINTS	\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST	\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST

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REQUESTS GO TO SHARON ATKINSON AT:

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG AND GAMBLING COUNSELORS**  
625 FAIRVIEW DR, SUITE 124  
CARSON CITY, NV 89701  
775-884-8922

I hereby request the certification/registration packet as indicated above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Training Materials: The following are recommended: "The Basics of Addiction Counseling Independent Study Guide" & "The Substance Abuse Professional's U.S. DOT Alcohol & Drug Testing Regulation Qualification Course" are available from NAADAC (1-800-548-0497); the TAP 21 Reference Guide is available free from the Nevada Prevention Resource Center at 775-784-6336. (Please refer to the references listed in the back of the TAP 21 for additional study materials). Other resources listed under frequently asked questions on the Boards website.



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**Certification for Native American Counselors** without examination of an applicant who holds a credential from another jurisdiction. (**NRS 641C.200**, **641C.300** & SB 248 sect 6.2) An applicant for certification without examination must submit to the board:

1. A written application on a form prescribed by the board;
2. The applicable fee;
3. Proof satisfactory to the board that the certificate or other credential held by the applicant:

Was issued by South West Indian Certification or North West Indian Certification;

An applicant must have passed the written and oral examinations with average score of at least 70 least.

(b) Is currently valid and in good standing; and

(c) Has never been suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason; and

(1.) The board will review each applicant on an individual basis and consider an application if the certificate has been suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason.

4. Proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant is otherwise qualified to engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers

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If you answer no to one of the above questions and your fingerprint reports indicate otherwise you could be suspended until you appear before the Board.

**INTERNSHIP:** Requires you meet the qualifications and standards established for all alcohol and drug abuse counselor interns.